Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Worship: 9:30 am

Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team

Sunday school: 10:45 am Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

Words for Reflection: Between Me & You, even in darkness,

God's promise and God's love grow all around us.

Prelude

Lighting the Peace Lamp Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Who comes in the name of God?

Step into the light and be known.

People: We are here, through darkness and fear.

We come into the light by the power of God.

Leader: People of God, be assured.

God hears your cries and is opening a way for you.

People: We arrive in the light of this day by the power of God.

Leader: You are here and God is here. What will you do?

People: Together we will worship our God.

Song HWB# 570 "We walk by faith"

Scripture Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Children's Time William Troyer

Song: Between Me and You

Between me and you

with pain and darkness clouding the view;

I'll give you courage to face what is true.

I choose to be there with you.

Meditation "Freed to Follow: Creation in the Wilderness"

Pastor Marilyn

Quiet Reflection and Worship Sharing

Song of Response HWB #557 "O God, in restless living"

Confession

God of compassion and consequence, some days it's hard to face who we are. We like to be in control, to know where we are going. Relying on someone else, even You, is hard.

We get impatient and find things to criticize.

Some of us even like to complain.

Glossing over past hardships is easier than admitting

that we needed your help, and still do.

We don't want to see how our attitudes and actions make things worse.

We are sorry. Forgive our ingratitude. Grant us the courage to face the truth.

Song HWB #372 "O healing river"

Prayer of Assurance

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer **Introduction of guests; Announcements**

Song WHB #389 "Take my life"

Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Lee Ressler Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Piano: Pam Zook

Nursery: Cindy & Tim Larson Greeters: Mona & Jack Rohrer

Worship Planners: Cynthia Mason & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 44 General Offering: \$2,271

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, March 13, 6:45 Church Council meets

March 16 & 17, 7 pm: The Little Mermaid at Central Christian School

Sunday, March 18, Potluck Fellowship Meal

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday service Sunday, April 1 Easter brunch, 9:30, Service, 10:30 (no Sunday school)

Saturday, April 14, 10am – 4pm "Who is My Neighbor?" Anti-Racism One-

day seminar at The Gardens at Homestead in Fredericksburg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn's hours next week will be Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15, 9noon. Please call her cellphone to set up times and locations for meetings.

Marilyn, Hank, Julia, and Hannah attended the ACA (Ohio conference) at Bluffton Thursday-Saturday of this week.

Mike Leiter and Cynthia Mason attended the Health Assembly at Pittsburgh Thursday-Saturday.

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry is hosting TACO TUESDAY, a fundraising banquet on March 20, at the Kidron Park Community Center. The meal begins at 6 pm and will feature a catered taco bar. Music by guest musician, **Bryan Moyer Suderman**, and a program of Open Arms ministry highlights will follow. A free-will offering will be taken. Please RSVP by March 16, to OpenArms.rsvpify.com, to reserve your place!

Hannah Troyer is the co-organizer of a grassroots movement and free conference on April 14th, called "The Neighborhood: Who is my neighbor?" The Neighborhood exists to bring together people with diverse experiences, to listen to and learn from each other, with the purpose of building meaningful community. You'll have to opportunity to hear stories told by people of color, about their experiences living in a majority white Christian culture. The event will be held at The Gardens at Homestead in Fredericksburg from 10am-4pm. Please see Hannah for further details on attending, volunteering, or donating."

Some donations still tax deductible. Most of us give, not because of the tax benefits, but because we want to share with others. Nevertheless, some donations remain tax deductible under the new federal tax law, including charitable distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), gifts of commodities and large gifts to donor advised funds.

MCC Vietnam Storytelling Event: Join Mennonite Central Committee for stories of Vietnam at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Building, 3987 Kidron Road, in Kidron. Special guest speakers will be Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. In light of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Doug will share from his first-hand experiences in Vietnam as a conscientious objector with MCC and his subsequent work. Thien will also share about growing up after the war and the legacy it left behind.

Sexualized violence and the church: Mennonite Central Committee is offering three webinars this spring for churches who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within the congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. The webinars will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. **Learn more and register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwso.**

BACM: Bring **Canned soup/Ramen noodles and shampoo/Conditioner** for the month of **March** and drop into the box by our white giving tree. Always accepted are Styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Greta Lindecrantz jailed in CO for refusing to testify in death-penalty case